

# ***The Season After Pentecost Eleventh Sunday***



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ELW Service of the Word

St. Paul Lutheran Church— August 16th, 2020– 10:00 A.M.

### **Introduction to the day**

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Selection of meditative music*

Gordon Young

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,  
**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves  
and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.  
We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
 sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
 the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
 O fallen human race!  
 Look and be saved through faith alone,  
 be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
 be now and ever giv'n  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
 Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, **your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

*The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community – not race, nationality, or any other category.*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant –

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, Word of Life

PSALM

Psalm 67

Let all the peo - ples praise you, O

God, let all the peo - ples praise you.

Psalm 67:3

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*The psalm for the day is sung.*

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (*Ps.* 67:3)

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known | upon earth,**  
**your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**  
**for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought | forth its increase;**  
**God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

## SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, Word of Life.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (from Setting 9)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28

*The gospel is announced.*

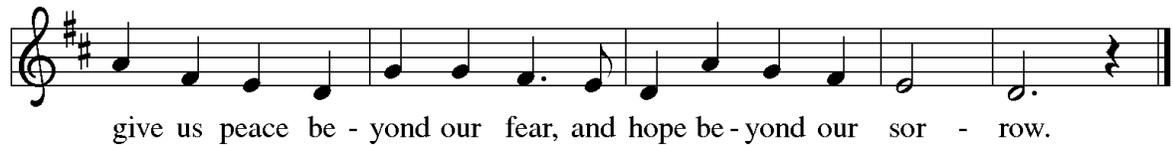
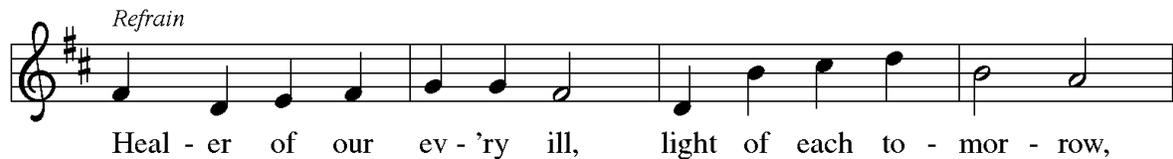
The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

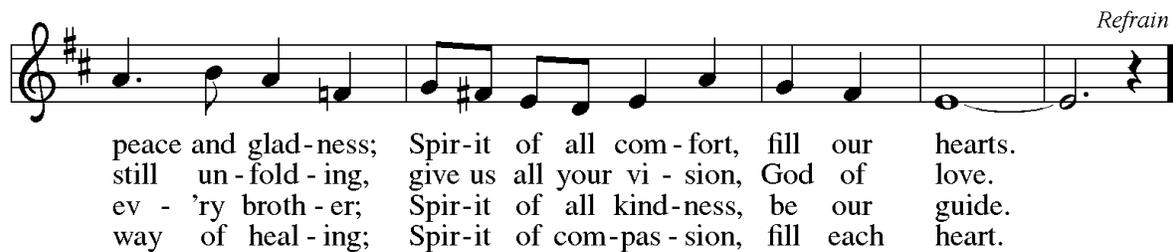
<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Healer of Our Every Ill



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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## A LITURGICAL AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
Who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.  
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing especially those suffering from the corona virus, those on our prayer list, and those whose names we offer now...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation St. Paul Lutheran Church grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

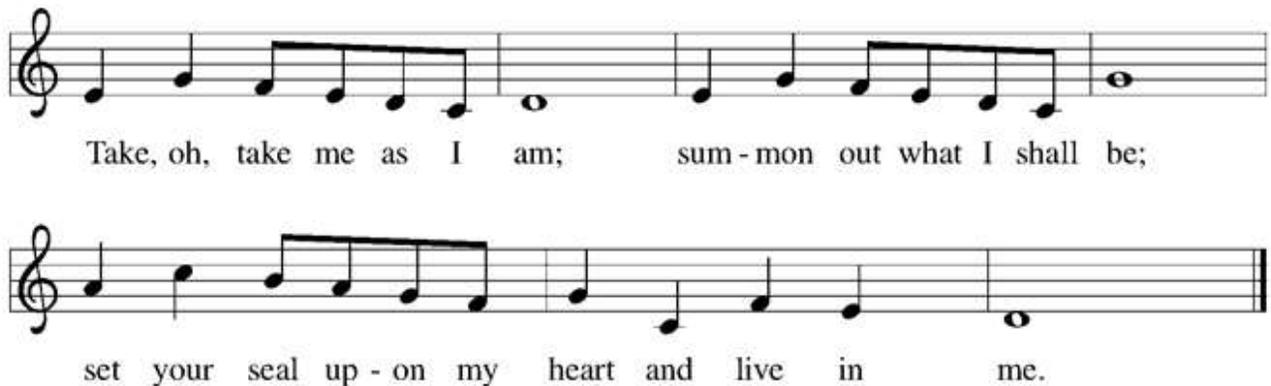
### THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### OFFERTORY SONG

*Take, Oh Take Me as I Am*

### Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef (treble clef). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with quarter and eighth notes.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

O God of justice and love,  
we give thanks to you that you speak Your Word in us,  
and to us, in scripture, in silence, in beauty, inspiration.  
Drench us in grace, shed your light,  
wake us up to the needs of others,  
and at the end carry all the world into your safe harbor  
in the shelter of your peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.  
God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,  
bless you and keep you in eternal love. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

**DISMISSAL**      Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**      *Tocatta on "Darwall's 148th"*      Gordon Young

**FOR TED STODDARD, MUSIC DIRECTOR**

This morning's organ music is by American composer Gordon Young (1919-1998). A Kansas native, Young was Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Detroit and taught at Wayne State University.

## **WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY:**

Presiding: Pastor Anne Deneen

Preaching: Ms. Abby Johnson

Assisting Minister: Anne Wheeler

Reader: Ms. Deborah Coull

Musician and Choir Director: Mr. Theodore Stoddard

Psalm Soloist: Joel Maxwell

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## **NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL**

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## **WEEKLY MORNING PRAYER**

Join next week's prayer and quiet reflection time by going to the St. Paul Facebook page at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. We will continue offering Morning Prayer throughout the summer.

## **MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANNE:** In-Person Visits outside, with Social Distancing

I have started visiting people at home, outside. It's wonderful to see you in person. If you would like an in-person visit, please let me know. I'm also continuing on-line Zoom visits, Facetime, Microsoft Teams, Messenger facetime or telephone calls, if you prefer that. If you would like to meet with me, please send an email or call. Please contact me directly or contact the office at 978-283-6550 or [office@stpaulcapeann.org](mailto:office@stpaulcapeann.org).

## **PRAYER LISTS**

**Please keep these people in your prayers for healing throughout the week:** Heidi H., Pastor O., Roger K., Dan W., Caitlin G., Janet C., Dennis G., Elaine V., Mary V., Andrew G., Hope L., Amy P., Alane B., Daneen R., Samantha P., Rachael, Sonny M., Deb K., Nancy M., Mitch O., Tasha R., Carole F., Carrie T.

## **Remembrance:**

Please keep the family of Rev. Paul Lindstrom in your prayers as they mourn his loss.

Please keep the family and friends of Doris Nelson in your prayers as they mourn her loss.

**Armed services:** Josh Coakley, Stephanie Norberg, Brian Misuraca, Christian DiGregorio, John Korpi III, Danny Hill, Rachel Misuraca Lewin, Zach Hafey, Liam Carney, and Tony Favalora

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